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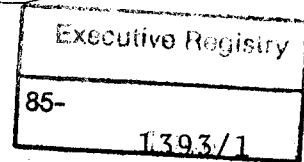
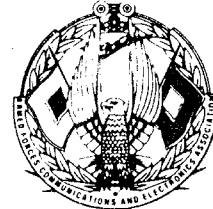
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May 16, 1985

William J. Casey
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Dear Mr. Casey:

Enclosed is a copy of the May 1985 issue of SIGNAL Magazine which contains your article "Protecting Our Secrets: Renewing the Commitment."

It was privilege for the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association and for me personally to have featured your article in the May 1985 issue of SIGNAL. I know that the readers of SIGNAL will find your remarks very interesting.

Sincerely,

Jon L. Boyes
Dr. Jon L. Boyes
Vice Admiral, USN (Ret.)
AFCEA International President

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Trends in C³I Networking

include control, management and restoral of those critical NEMS components.

As we move further into the world of distributed systems and networks, the capability to control centrally our FEMA NEMS network will enhance our ability to respond quickly and effectively to national, regional, state or local emergencies.

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Protecting Our Secrets: Renewing the Commitment



*William J. Casey
Director
Central Intelligence
Agency*

TODAY, intelligence is a commodity much in demand. Those who formulate national policy have come to depend upon timely, accurate intelligence. Besides the Central Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency and the Defense Intelligence Agency, the Intelligence Community now includes elements of the Departments of State, Justice, Treasury, Defense, Energy and the military services. Likewise, the consumer community has expanded, extending well beyond the Executive Office of the President to congressional committees, their staffs, thousands of other government employees and thousands of contractors with a need-to-know because they build or operate collection systems or analyze the products of these systems.

While it is gratifying to realize that intelligence plays a vital role to so many, the large and expanding producer and consumer networks pose another problem—the effective safeguarding of our secrets. An intelligence service without secrets is a contradiction; moreover, it is not enough that intelligence activities and information be secret, they must remain secret.

Leaks hurt. They weaken the credibility of the U.S. government. They have cost us important sources, both human and technical, and they have created a psychological climate that chips away at intelligence capabilities and strains important relationships.

The increasing exposure of intelligence secrets in the media is a matter of great concern. All of us involved in the consumer and producer intelligence community must do a better job to protect classified information. Those of us who are cleared to receive classified intelligence are the first line of defense and must set the example. If we do not protect national security, who will?

It will always be a challenge (unique to a democracy) to maintain an effective intelligence service in an open society. But our future prosperity, quality of life and security demand that this service be nothing but the best, including the most secure. Let us all rededicate ourselves to this task.

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VISTA



*James C. Cercy
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U.S. Army Electronics
Research and
Development Command*

THE 1981 Army Science Board Summer Study resulted in recommendations that the Army strive to exploit those technologies in which the United States has a distinct development edge and that offer potentially high payback in terms of combat multipliers. In response to these recommendations, the Army identified five broad technological areas on which to focus management and funding resources with the ultimate goal of significantly increasing the operational effectiveness of U.S. forces. Very Intelligent Surveillance and Target Acquisition (VISTA) is one of these technology areas. The others are Distributed Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence (DC³I), Self Contained Munitions (SCM), Soldier Machine Interface (SMI) and Biotechnology (BIOTECH).

The primary purpose of the VISTA program is to demonstrate solutions to Mission Area Analysis deficiencies as related to battlefield data collection, data processing and combat information dissemination at the brigade level of operations.

VISTA is a graphics based approach that will allow the commander to see the battlefield, not just read it. Onboard sensor signal processing, as well as detailed interface definition, will permit the interconnectivity of sensors, processors and communications networks. VISTA will address the netting and integration of sensor data for subsequent near real time horizontal integration across the brigade's functional areas of maneuver control, fire support and intelligence/electronic warfare.

The VISTA program provides the user with the opportunity early in the development cycle to experience the operational benefits to be gained through the evaluation of advanced technology inserted into field exercise scenarios. VISTA, as well as all other technology integration efforts, relies heavily on the idea of

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